

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 21, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-9 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-4 were rejected and Claims 5-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable. Claims 1, 3-5 and 9 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Claims 6-8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Germany (DE10109329.2) on February 27, 2001 and the PCT Office on February 20, 2002. In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 119(b), Applicant submits a certified copy of the aforementioned priority document in the present application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,670,833 issued to Klaus Sachs ("Sachs"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that Sachs does not teach the claimed invention. However, to more distinctly claim the invention, the Applicants have amended claim 1, claims 2-4 being dependent thereon, to define a circuit arrangement in which first chips are mounted on a first metallic body, which runs along the outer edge of a heat sink, and second chips are mounted on a second metallic body, which covers the internal region and inner edge of the heat sink. In the Office Action, the Examiner, for which the Applicants are thankful, noted that such a circuit arrangement comprises allowable subject matter. Consequently, the Applicants respectfully request favorable action in relation to claim 1. Claims 2-5 and 9 are dependent on claim 1, and thus, Applicants believe these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 has been added to more distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. Claim 10 claims a circuit arrangement having first and second chips mounted on a first metallic

body and a set of metallic bodies, respectively wherein the first metallic body and the set of metallic bodies are arranged on top of a heat sink and the set of metallic bodies run along the outer edge of the heat sink and the first metallic body covers the inner edge/region of the heat sink. It is noted that the Examiner indicated that such a circuit arrangement would be allowable, and hence the Applicants request favorable action. Claims 11-18 are submitted dependent on claim 10, and therefore Applicants believe said claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 5-9 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 was dependent on claim 1. Applicant has submitted new claim 19 (old claim 5) in independent form and requests allowance of claim 19. Claim 19 is presented to correctly note a heat sink positioned underneath, *inter alia*, the internal region of the circuit arrangement. Applicants have also submitted new allowable claim 20 which is old claim 6 rewritten in independent form including the limitations of intervening claim 2 and base claim 1. Claim 20 is presented to correctly note a heat sink positioned beneath, *inter alia*, the internal region of the circuit arrangement. The Examiner indicated claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and thus, Applicant requests allowance of claim 20 (old claim 6/2/1).

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants appreciate Examiner's review of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed August 27, 2003. Applicants respectfully submit English Abstracts of DE 19727548, and DE 19924994 previously filed in the IDS filed August 27, 2003 but not considered since translations were not present.

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, with a copy of the references and a check in the amount of \$180.00, for the Examiner's review and consideration.

CONCLUSION

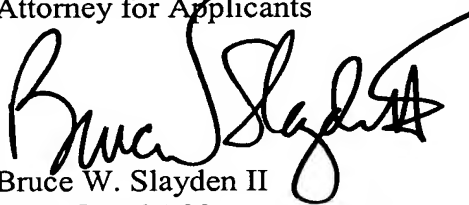
Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 1-5 and 9 as amended, new Claims 10-18, and allowable Claims 19-20.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

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